

Please rewrite the paragraph at page 1, lines 5-13 so it reads as follows:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a medical or surgical bandage suitable for use in providing musculo-skeletal[[],] support and treatment of skin conditions.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

~~the~~ The invention relates to positioning a gel against the skin utilizing a stretchable bandage that also provides the added benefit of orthopedic, or musculo-skeletal, support for the joint or portion of the body on which the bandage is wrapped.--

Please delete the heading at page 2, line 2 which reads as follows:

~~--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--~~